

February 25, 2021

Ellen Wheatley, Acting Director
Office of Child Care
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families
Mary E. Switzer Building
330 C St. SW, 4th floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Ms. Wheatley,

The Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas CCDF Program submits this letter for the Corona Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) funds as required by the Office of Child Care. It contains our planned use of this additional funding.

- **Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)**

It has not been determined or finalized at this time to provide additional support to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential during the response to coronavirus. Within our service area child care services has been sufficient to these workers who would otherwise be eligible for our program services.

- **Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices**

We plan to use CRRSA fund to provide resources, supplies and/or technical assistance to child care providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We currently provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to our providers and will expand on this to include additional supplies. It has not been determined or finalized at this time what resources and/or technical assistance will be provided.

- **Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers**

We plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the child care sector to help child care providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the

COVID-19 public health emergency. At this time information has not been received from providers to determine or finalize what this will consist of.

Assistance to Provider Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

It has not been determined or finalized at this time what portion of funds will be used to assist CCDF eligible child care providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 health emergency. We will recruit and assist individuals with costs incurred who are interested in become registered providers with our program to increase the availability of child care options.

- **Other**

This will be explored as more information from the Office of Child Care as to what is available for new or additional services that can be provided. If necessary, an amendment will be done to add this.

Sincerely,

Lester Randall, Tribal Chairman
Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas